Interesting Features Associated with the Annual Observance in Both the Old and the New World.



origin in Europe back, at least, a century and a half. The Moravians, especially in Germany, we are assured by authority too trustworthy to be questioned, have set apart and observed with appropriate service a day in August for the exclusive benefit and pleasure of the youth of their Sunday schools for the last 150 years. The Church of England has for many years made a special feature of Children's day. This occurs on a Sunday during one of the summer months, fixed by the bishop and celebrated simul taneously by all the Sunday schools, and in a similar manner. Throughout Switzerland the Roman Catholics observe a children's day under the significant name of "White Sunday," which always comes the first Sunday after Easter.

The exact time that the first Children's day was celebrated in this country cannot be definitely told. More than one denomination claim the honor of having introduced it; and dates of its origin, as given by those highest in authority, are somewhat conflicting. That the idea of a Children's day was borrowed from the old country appears to have been proven, and it is a well known fact that its general observance began with us about the year 1866, though previous to that period several denominations had included in their church services a children's Sunday.

The Methodist church, a pioneer of our country in many good works, was an early promoter of Children's day. Previous to the centenary of Methodism in 1866 a committee of six men was appointed by the authorities of that denomination to investigate and report upon the various existing institutions of their church. This committee, during its investigations, were so forcibly impressed by the absence of any special day or service set apart for the benefit of the children that they lost no time in devising a plan that would supply what they considered an important necessity. This plan included the adoption of a Sunday in June, to be each year observed in all their churches with a service especially appropriate for the young people of their congregations. Their plan met with high favor, and was formally adopted as a regular church institution at the centenary already mentioned.

It is a fact worthy of record, and one in which the zealous committee of six must have felt an honest pride, that the collections taken up on Children's day throughout the Methodist churches in the centenary year amounted to the considerable sum of \$60,000. Surely there was needed no more substantial proof that they had struck a responsive chord in the hearts of the youth of the church when they formally recognized them as workers in a common cause, and gave them one Sabbath out of the fifty four for their very

Mr. C. C. North, at present a resident of New York city, and one of the committee referred to, has by his earnest work and unfailing interest during the past twenty-one years in the interests of Sunday schools, and especially by his endeavors to bring Children's day into general notice, gained the name of the "Father of Children's Day." While this gentleman nodestly, but firmly, denies any right to this title, he probably deserves it as much or more than any other one person who has labored in the cause.

Numbered with pioneers in the estab lishment of a children's day is the Universalist denomination. At their general convention in September, 1867, a special act provided for the annual observance of Children's day. Thirty-six churches celebrated the day previous to the convention in that year. In 1869 fifty-eight churches claimed its observance, and in 1872 the number had increased to 150 churches. It is claimed by this denomination that Children's day in their church really dates



CHILDREN'S DAY IN A NEW YORK CHURCH. back to 1859 or 1860, when it was begun

at Chelsea, Mass., as a regular affair. According to one well known divine, who is credited with a wide knowledge in such matters, the Freewill Baptists began the observance of a children's Sunday at Flint, Mich., in the year 1866. Baptist churches throughout the length and breadth of the land began the work more or less generally, according to the same authority, and it has rapidly grown since under their energetic management.

The Congregationalists, especially throughout the west and southwest, have for the past six or more years very generally celebrated a Sunday in June with pleasing and attractive ceremonies. The Presbyterians are said to have taken hold of the matter in 1886, and other denominations are more or less interested in a special Sunday for the youth of their congregations. Indeed, there appears conclusive reasons for believing that in the no distant future the first or second Sunday in June will be very generally adopted by all denominations throughout the

United States as the children's own day. June, the month of roses, has been very appropriately selected as the one in which to celebrate Children's day. It represents in nature if not in the calendar, the true and perfect springtide of the year in many sections, and is more likely to bring to all latitudes propitious weather than the more fickle months of April and May. The second Sunday in June is set apart for this purpose by the Methodists, and is also very generally observed by other denominations, though in some cases the first Sunday in June is chosen. Numbered with leading features of Children's day is the lavish employment of flowers in the decoration of the churches, especially roses.

The flowers are first cousins to children, And the angels to both are akin. s an idea universally entertained, if not

always expressed in so many words. Roses are prominent flowers in these decorations, and singing birds in cages are also much employed. One church last year had simulated with roses and vines The Golden Gates," on the floral posts of which were placed birds with outstretched wings. In other churches in front of the altar or before the pulpit appears a floral fountain several feet high, from which a stream of water falls. Again, there are miniature lakes, in which swim gold fish. the lake being banked by roses or other

The Church of England has one programme which is carried out with but slight variation by all the churches. In the forenoon the usual morning church service is read, after which comes a sermon specially adapted to the requirements of children. In the afternoon the regular evening service is read. A feature of this part of the day is the marching of the children up the aisle, dressed in white and carrying baskets of flowers, which are left at the altar. These flowers are afterward distributed in the hospitals and among the sick of the poorer parishioners.

The data here given is the result of a



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY.

tions of the country and personal interviews with clergymen and laymen of many denominations. It is a significant fact that however much different denominations may vary in their ideas regarding the minor details in the observance of Children's day, all consider it an attractive and welcome feature in the church service. The general feeling also seems to prevail that it is a suitable time in which to impress upon the children the significance of the text, "It is more blessed to give than to receive;" in a word, to instill in their minds the importance of assisting one another. And surely there is no more charming spectacle than that of children helping children; whether this be done with collections for building chapels, culling flowers for the sick or dropping nickels in the contribution box to build schools and provide books for their less fortunate comrades.

> Ode to Children's Day. What gift of mine shall greet The coming feet Of those who this day wear, On faces sweet, The freshness of the morn and Its brightness meet?

We cannot err who bring The simplest thing From treasure house of love, As offering: Nor need we, fearing, prove The valuing-

If, like our father, we Of gifts that brightness bring. Each year would see New hearts in flowers of spring And minstrelsy.

Oh, in a world like ours, The chilling powers Of want and woe and sin Blight all the flowers When once they enter in At spring time hours.

And while in joy we throng, Crowning with song The rose leaved fane today, Some thoughts belong To children by the way, In toils of wrong.

Our lives in plenty wrought, These now have sought To reach this holy day, By mercy taught. Show us, indeed, thy way, Thy tenderest thought. -Frances P. Smith.

The Children and the Flowers. Dear little children, innocent children, Be ready to go when the church bells ring, The Lord's holy temple to deck with the beauty

Blooming so lavishly now in the spring.

God mnda mes, the mosses and grasses, All that the same and lovely and gay: Splender from the sooms, or fern leaf unrolling, Praise Him and speak of Him, each in its way. Bring, then, Illi own to the house of His worship,

Let them adorn all the chancel and nave;

But the precious things there will be kind little That love the dear Savior who rose from the -Carrie Cathcart Day.

WHITE SUNDAY IN SWITZERLAND.

Children's Day as Celebrated in Picture-que Switzerland.

its somber forests and its beautiful lakes, Children's day has gained the poetical sobriquet "Der Weisse Sontag" or White Sunday. This day has long been commemorated, notably by the Catholic church, throughout Switzerland. The Sunday schools of Luzerne, Berne, Zurich, Geneva, Neufchatel, Grisons, and other cantons of Switzerland, all observe it on The time set apart for this celebration is always the first Sunday after Easter, or the Sunday known in the church calendar as Low Sunday. Easter being a movable festival, vibrating backward and forward between March 22 and April 25, according as the full moon next after the vernal Sunday occurs some years in March, while in others it falls in April.



There appears a pleasing significance in this selection of Low Sunday for Children's day, coming as it does immediately at the close of Easter week, with its beautiful ceremonies and charming accessories of Easter carols and flowers.

The tale of hope that Easter brings of he risen Christ and the awakening spring is in harmony with the general rejoicing of life's journey.

On White Sunday from far and near the Swiss children are gathered, each detachment finally falling into the grand procession at some given point not far removed from the church. Two by two the little girls walk, clad in pure white, with crowns of flowers on their heads and bouquets in their hands.

When nature's blossoms are not sufflciently plentiful artificial ones take their be on a vacation, however, and he was about place, many of the little peasants making their own wreaths or bouquets out of paper or other material.

Following the girls come the boys marching two abreast, decorated with hands.

brough some of the principal streets, on arriving at the church proceed up the aisles, and as they pass the altar lay their offering of flowers upon it.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.

The May Walk as Celebrated in Brooklyn and New York,

There are few days in the calendar that are more heartily enjoyed in the homes of Brooklyn than the one set apart during the month of May for Brooklyn's Sunday school anniversary, with its grand procession, that has come to be known as the May walk.

These celebrations, which began many years ago with only a few Sunday schools represented, have become very formidable affairs, and in Brooklyn throw the Children's day quite into the shade.

This festival occurs on a week day, and while the procession, with its banners and badges, is the leading feature, ice cream, cake, music, and a good time generally play no inconspicuous part in the entertainment. So great an army have these Sunday school paraders become, numbering at the last procession 60,000 souls, it is divided into ten divisions, each directed by its own special marshal, and all under the command of a grand marshal. Each division in turn is made up of various Sunday schools under the direction of captains or leaders appointed for the day.



A MAY WALK IN BROOKLYN.

These divisions congregate at an appointed place, finally joining forces for the grand annual parade in Prospect park. Each division has its banner, as does each Sunday school, and very proud are those who are selected for the honorable position of standard bearers.

The last procession was reviewed by the mayor, who made an appropriate address to these young soldiers of the church.

When the weather is propitious the children dress in white, and new hats and sashes are the order of the day. For a fortnight previous to this celebration the Brooklyn stores advertise new spring bonnets and gowns for the "May walk" with the same zeal that modistes and milliners in New York city carry on their openings of Easter hats and dresses previous to

Easter Sunday.

As this celebration does not in the slightest conflict with the regular Children's day, not a few churches observe both, on the principle that too much pleasure providing it be of a healthful nature be introduced into their In the Churches of This City.

In picturesque Switzerland, with its this city on last Sabbath with profuse floral majestic peaks, its sequestered valleys, decorations and fitting ceremonies. At the First M. E church fifteen little children were baptized in the morning, followed by a brief address by Rev. Holmes to the parents and children. In the evening the exercises were pleasing and entertaining. The programme consisted of general singing by the children of the Sunday school, assisted and led by Mr. Hardy, singing by the same date and with similar exercises. the choir, an original poem by Miss Mattle Hartley, the "L'ilies of Palestine" by Miss Myra Strawn, a "Visit to the Old Folks at Home" by Mrs J. C. Curyes, and exercises by the infant class. The programme was nicely rendered and the little ones fairly covered themselves with laurels. A col equinox falls nearer or farther from the lection was taken up to aid the worthy equinox, it naturally follows that White young in obtaining educational advantages. At the Baptist church, the morning ser-

vice was distinguished by a sermon on childhood, Rev. Frederick's taking for his text, "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise." The evening services were dispensed with, appropriate exercises, under the direction of Misses Penny, Merrifield and Shuler, taking their place. The Sunday school orchestra, under the direction of Prof. LUNG. r'itzgerald, opened the programme, which consisted of a solo, by Miss Griffith; duetts, by Miss Merrifield and Mr. Jones, Messrs Hook and Scott, and the Misses Coles; cornet solo, by Fred Wilhelm and Master Stokes; recitation, by Eddie Bach, addresses, by Misses Rawling and Rowe; recitations, by Florence Riale and Louie Frisby and Roy Merrifield; and dialogues by the members of the infant class. The programme passed off very nicely, and the participants elicited much praise from their auditors.

The day will be observed at the Congre- FOR 15 gational church tomorrow, as Rev. Day was called to address the students of Knox College at Galesburg last Sunday. Rev. Barnard filled the pulpit at both services. of human souls standing at the beginning A very fine programme is promised, and the church will be appropriately decorated.

A Fractured Skull.

Last Thursday afternoon was quite pleasant, and as Jake Shuler found time hanging rather heavily on his hands, he took his fishing tackle and proceeded to trail the murky Fox from the rocks beneath the Main street bridge. The pike and bass seemed to to change his position, when a heavy stone fell, or was thrown by someone, from above, striking him on the left side of the head. back of and about three inches above the ear badges and also carrying flowers in their He was momentarily stunned by the shock, and walked over to Dr. Ryburn's office with This happy procession, having marched blood streaming from his wound. The skull is slightly fractured, but there is no danger of serious consequences, and Jake is around

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Knocked from a Car.

An accident which but for a mere chance would have caused fatality, occurred on the Burlington road on Saturday evening. A breakman by the name of Blackstone, who heads the crew of No. 15 on the Rock Island road, was standing on top of a furniture car, which is a foot or so higher than ordinary box cars, when his train was about to enter the Fox River bridge coming west, at a speed of ten miles an hour, and his head came in contact with one of the iron rods at the top of the bridge, knocking him down and hurling him to the ties below. He was insensible for a moment or so, and when he returned to sensibility, crawled to the end of the bridge out of the way of trains. He was missed by the crew when the train slackened at the depot, and two of the train men went back after him and took him to the Marquet House, where an examination of his injuries was made. The scalp was cut and torn for a distance or two inches by the iron rod, and he was bruised about the chest and body, although nothing fatal or langerous about the fractures was disclosed.

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